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THE NRO STAFF

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 40 Committee Action

On June 22, I received a call from Mr. McAfee of State. He was staffing the NRO June 4 paper on illumination of the earth's surface requesting the 40 Committee's feelings on overflights by active emitters. The Committee members would like more information for background purposes in order that they may better consider the request. For example, the extent of illumination, the nature of the requirement to fly active emitters, alternative approaches for satisfying the collection requirements, and the kind of targets. After discussing the request with Colonel Marshall, I called Mr. McAfee back on June 24 saying that we could prepare such a paper but did not believe that it would materially assist the Committee in arriving at their decision. Mr. McAfee reiterated his desire for a paper or perhaps a presentation. I agreed to a paper reserving a presentation for later and only if required. The 40 Committee is presently not pushing for a discussion on this NRO initiated request and has set no deadline for action. I have asked [redacted] to prepare the background paper.

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Major, USAF

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